

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hans-Henning ZUTZ

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For: SLIDE RING SEAL ASSEMBLY

INCLUDING A RADIAL, ROTATION-PREVENTING ARRANGEMENT Art Unit: 3676

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2003, and prior to examination after entry of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.